

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4 to 17, 19, 20, and 22 to 33 were pending when last examined. Applicant has amended claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, and 14 to 17, and canceled claim 6. Claims 2, 4, 5, 7 to 17, 19, 20, and 22 to 33 remain pending.

§ 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0156315 ("Li et al.") in view of European Patent Application Publication No. 1 275 997 ("Kato et al."). Applicant has amended claim 2 with the limitations of claim 6, which the Examiner indicated as allowable, and canceled claim 6. Thus, amended claim 2 is now patentable over the cited references and is in condition for allowance.

Claim Objection

The Examiner objected to claim 4 for depending forward on claim 6. As described above, Applicant has amended claim 2 with the limitations of claim 6 and canceled claim 6. In conjunction, Applicant has also amended claim 4 to depend from preceding amended claim 2.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 4 to 17 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As described above, Applicant has amended claim 2 with the limitations of claim 6 and canceled claim 6, thereby placing amended claim 2 in condition for allowance. Accordingly, claims 4, 5, and 7 to 17 are also now in condition for allowance from their dependence on amended claim 2.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 19, 20, and 22 to 33.

Summary

Claims 2, 4 to 17, 19, 20, and 22 to 33 were pending when last examined. Applicant has amended claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, and 14 to 17, and canceled claim 6. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the claim rejections and allow claims 2, 4, 5, 7 to 17, 19, 20, and 22 to 33. Should the Examiner have any questions, please call the undersigned at (408) 382-0480.

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